

Summary of the Friday Sermon Delivered by Hazrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad - Khalifatul Masih IV. On 24th May 1996, at Bad Kreuznach - Germany

And those who never bear false witness and when they come upon anything frivolous they pass on with dignity.

The Holy Quran. al-Furqan: [The Criterion]: 73.

The annual Ijtema of Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya Germany begins today. I am to address the Khuddam [youth organisation] in an inaugural session through today's sermon. In this regard I have chosen this verse as the subject of today's sermon in which whilst mentioning the characteristics of the chosen people of the Merciful God, Allah the Almighty states that they never bear false testimony or they never present themselves before falsehood 'And those who never bear false witness' has both these meanings.

Today the eastern nations in particular have become the target of falsehood and although this disease is also entering the west there is actually a great difference between the two. Falsehood is a weakness that wreaks the greatest havoc in the world. When speaking of the gravest sins the Holy Prophet ﷺ warned against lying and advised shunning it.¹ Falsehood is the root of all evils. Associating partners with God is also another name for falsehood. Disobeying one's parents is falsehood. If you examine you would find that all evils spring from the soil of falsehood. Associating partners with God is born from falsehood too and in reality falsehood is the greatest of this form of idolatry. One always lies in worship of a false deity and every time you follow the habit of lying in a single day you indulge in associating partners with God. The Holy Prophet ﷺ has declared that the habit of lying is very dangerous because once this becomes a habit it always leads one to hell. People often leave their houses having already decided to tell a lie and are satisfied that lying would work in their favour. This is associating partners with God. Lying is a disease that carries with it the root of every ingratitude and every form of associating partners with God, it is a sin against the Unity of God which devours all reality of His Oneness and also devours the regard and gratitude for His favours.

Liars belong neither to their parents nor to God and falsehood devours both of these rights as well as the rights of friendship or of one's nation and country which are lesser in relation to both the previous.

As far as I have analysed according to me the German nation is the most truthful in the whole of Europe. May Allah bring them to Islam through this virtue and sincerity of theirs and may they be able to safeguard the truth they possess. The German nation is the most truthful in their nature among all western nations. This truth in them has led to the birth of their Discipline. This nation also has regard for truth and only truthful nations can love the people of truth. So from this perspective you have arrived in such a country where your truthfulness has not had to face any trial. But if you reside in this country and tell lies you will be

¹ Bukhari, Muhammad ibn Ismael. *Sahih al-Bukhari*.

disregarding of the standard virtues of this nation and also of God and you or your faith or your nationality will never have any positive influence upon this country.

If you are to win the hearts of your host nation the key to it lies in truthfulness. God stands behind the truthful. Be the ushers of Islam and Ahmadiyya and the ushers of truth. Most of the summoners to Allah who are successful are those who are truthful in themselves. Their utterances are potent and [this] potency is a name for truth.

Falsehood is the root cause of all human turbulence. However criminal one is the very day they decide not to lie regardless of the consequences their crimes would start to die out.

There is a *Hadith* which says that one form of lying is to pass on what one has only heard.² It is also a sin to promulgate hearsay about a brother out of malice or not to verify something about somebody out of love. When nations are destroyed by hypocrisies it is always because something is heard and passed on. This is also the reason why profligacy is one of the worst forms of falsehood; it turns the audacity of lying into the audaciousness of a bad character.

If you live truthfully you will create a heaven in this world. Truth grants tranquillity. Truth creates simplicity, it creates modesty. A simple man who is not a liar would always be modest. The solution to every problem lies in truthfulness. Every peace and satisfaction of life is in the truth. Falsehood is a curse that has destroyed lives.

Today the Khuddam Ijtema is also being held in Uganda. Unfortunately the habit of falsehood and theft has also become prevalent there. Human interactions are tainted wherever falsehood and theft are prevalent. Then many kinds of illnesses are born. The habit of falsehood often forces one to actually bow their head before physical idols. Pakistan is an example of this.

I advise that a Jihad be launched against falsehood. The Community in Germany has 2 distinctive features, one of them being that whenever they are called towards good the whole Community occupy themselves in the task with sincerity and laborious effort and in terms of harmony this harmony cannot be seen elsewhere. Secondly the efforts your people have made in inviting towards Allah with courage, fortitude, endurance and wisdom through organised Teamwork cannot be observed anywhere else. These are the 2 reasons because of which I respect you and harbour loving feelings for you and I offer prayers for your sake and because of these same feelings I am explaining and advising you to fully cleanse yourself from the emotions of falsehood that are in you. Obey me in this too as you have obeyed everything that I have said, make a sincere effort with integrity. In the end I pray for the success of the Ijtema and advise that you occupy your time in an atmosphere of Divine commemoration.

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² Muslim ibn al-Hajjaj. *Sahih Muslim*.